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**RE: In the Matter of: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Request for
Approval of an Expanded Portfolio of Demand Side Management Programs
and a Modified Demand Side Management Rate Rider
Docket No. 2019-239-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

In the Request in this docket, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") asks the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to approve modified and expanded DSM program offerings, along with revisions to the DSM rate rider, to be effective beginning December 1, 2019. Under Order Nos. 2010-472 and 2013-826, the program year on which DSM results are measured and rate recovery rider factors are set begins each December 1st. The effective date requested is necessary to allow for the orderly administration of the DSM rate rider and the timely transition to a new suite of DSM programs.

The attached Proposed Scheduling Order is drafted with these timing considerations in mind. It also reflects the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") for protection from September 30, 2019, through October 15, 2019, for its expert witness, Mr. George Evans, who will be out of the country and unavailable during that period. To accommodate this protection request, the attached Proposed Scheduling Order sets a schedule where all pre-filed testimony deadlines will occur on or before September 30, 2019, and the hearing will begin on October 22, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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